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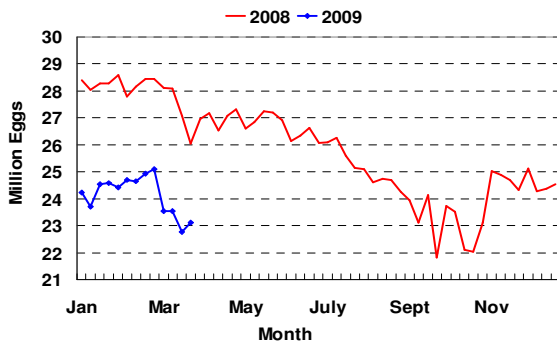
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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 13 Percent from Last Year

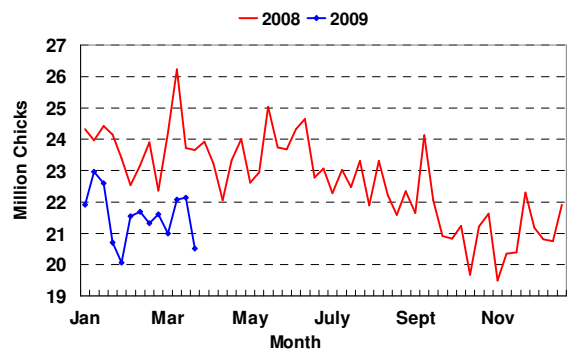
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 20.5 million during the week ending March 28, 2009. Placements were down 13 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and down 7 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 28, 2009, down 11 percent from the same period last year but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 28, 2009 - March 28, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	28-Feb	7-Mar	14-Mar	21-Mar	28-Mar	28-Feb	7-Mar	14-Mar	21-Mar	28-Mar
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,572 *	28,928 *	28,575	29,720 *	29,389	20,085	20,962	19,912 *	19,951 *	19,999
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>25,098</b>	<b>23,538 *</b>	<b>23,551</b>	<b>22,773 *</b>	<b>23,120</b>	<b>21,596</b>	<b>20,983</b>	<b>22,082</b>	<b>22,138 *</b>	<b>20,525</b>
Delaware	3,703	3,558	3,525	3,454	3,559	4,655	4,846	4,517	5,014	4,592
Florida	973	975 *	987	970	980	741	741	724	704	703
Georgia	33,109	31,715 *	31,779	30,699	31,392	26,289	26,442	27,577	28,238	26,685
Kentucky	7,961	7,782 *	7,452	7,780	7,827	5,993	6,720	6,129	6,732	6,348
Louisiana	3,470	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	3,331	3,240	3,196	3,465	1,909
Maryland	9,047	8,851	9,204	8,572	8,910	5,307	5,364	6,158	6,640	6,519
Mississippi	17,894	18,035	18,129	17,779	17,624	16,135	16,579	16,793	16,762	16,648
N. Carolina	18,527	19,105 *	19,128 *	19,011 *	18,798	15,443	15,024	15,062 *	15,462 *	15,458
Oklahoma	6,408	6,963 *	6,752	6,653 *	6,834	4,470	5,373	4,282	3,292 *	4,615
Pennsylvania	4,168	4,148	4,057	3,983 *	3,979	3,111	2,796	3,250	3,274 *	3,198
S. Carolina	5,628	5,436	5,941	5,805	5,431	5,664	4,844	4,659	4,602	4,500
Texas	15,624	15,622	15,417	14,864	15,428	13,189	13,336	13,285	13,287	13,265
Virginia	5,939	6,062 *	5,969	5,989	6,073	4,303	4,885	4,873	4,308	4,607
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,739	19,128	19,012 *	19,449 *	18,647	16,183	15,371	16,942	16,791 *	17,043
19 State Total	206,860 *	202,076 *	201,708 *	199,731 *	200,221	166,495	167,506	169,441 *	170,660 *	166,614
Prev. Year Total	219,830	219,337	219,153	215,850	214,627	177,627	179,798	180,426	181,091	180,372
% of Prev. Year	94	92	92	93	93	94	93	94	94	92

\* Revised in current week.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 7 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 28, 2009. This was down 7 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Down 8 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 28, 2009. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through March 28, 2009 were 2.18 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.